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1. SUMMARY. AS INDICATED, REFTEL, AT WDC SPECIAL COMITE MEETING APRIL 26 SYG' S CCD REP PASTINEN OPENED WITH CONSENSUS STATEMENT WHICH IN EFFECT IMMEDIATELY CONVERTED MEETING INTO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. DURING CONSULTATIONS, WHICH WERE CONDUCTED BY IRANIAN PERM REP HOVEDA, DUTCH ARGUED THAT COMITE SHOULD SUSPEND ITS ACTIVITIES AT LEAST UNTIL 28 TH GA; SOVIETS PRESSED FOR FURTHER MEETINGS SO THAT COMITE COULD FILFILL ITS MANDATE FROM 27 TH GA AND SUBMIT REPORT TO 28 TH GA. MANY OTHERS SPOKE, EITHER SUPPORTING ONE OR OTHER OF THESE POLAR POSITIONS OR TRYING TO OFFER COMPROMISE SCHEME. CONSULTATIONS WILL
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CONTINUE APRIL 27. FINAL OUTCOMIE UNCLEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. WDC SPECIAL COMITE GOT UNDERWAY APRIL 26 WITH PASTINEN DECLARING MEETING OPEN ON BEHALF SYG AND

READING CONSENSUS STATEMENT THAT (A) GROUP SHOULD PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND (B) IRANIAN PERM REP HOVEDA SHOULD DIRECT PROCEEDINGS. PASTINEN SAID THAT IN LINE WITH USUAL SECRETARIAT PRACTICE, SINCE GA PRESIDENT APPOINTED MEMBERS TO COMITE, SYG SENT INVITATIONS TO THOSE SPECIFICALLY NAMED BY PRESIDENT. ALTHOUGH SYG WAS PREPARED TO RENDER ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE, " MATTER NOW RESTS WITH MEMBERS OF SPECIAL COMITE."

3. AS HOVEDA TOOK CHAIR, HE NOTED HE WAS NOT CHAIRMAN IN NORMAL SENSE OF WORD SINCE TERMS OF HIS MANDATE WERE AT BEST AMBIGUOUS. AFTER LENGTHY PROCEDURAL DISCUSSION, HOVEDA PRONOUNCED CONSENSUS THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD PREPARED INFORMAL SUMMARIES OF PROCEEDINGS FOR USE OF COMITE MEMBERS ONLY AND CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS, ALTHOUGH UN MEMBERS NOT ON COMITE COULD OBSERVE PROCEEDINGS.

4. POLAR POSITIONS WERE QUICKLY ESTABLISHED BY DUTCH AND SOVIETS. DUTCH, EXPRESSING AGREED WEO POSITION, ARGUED THAT WHILE WDC WAS IMPORTANT IDEA, EXTENT OF CONTROVERSY AMONG PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SC WAS SUCH THAT FORMAL MEETING OF SPECIAL WDC COMITE WOULD BE BLOW TO WDC CONCEPT. COMITE THEREFORE SHOULD SUSPEND ALL ACTIVITIES FORTHWITH UNTIL (A) PARTICIPATION OF ALL FIVE PERMS WAS ENSURED OR (B) AT LEAST UNTIL 28 TH G A. DUTCH WERE LATER SUPPORTED BY CANADA, SWEDEN AND PAKISTAN.

5. IN RESTRAINED AND RELATIVELY STATESMANLIKE INTERVENTION, SOVIETS STRESSED (A) THOSE STATES WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN COMITE' S WORK SHOULD BE INVITED TO DO SO BY COMITE, (B) INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE OVER PROLONGED PERIOD, (C) DATE OF NEXT MEETING MUST BE SET DURING PRESENT PROCEEDINGS, (D) COMITE MUST FULFILL MANDATE GIVEN BY 27 TH GA AND PREPARE REPORT TO 28 TH GA, (E) COOPERATION OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS WAS IMPORTANT. SOVIETS ALSO NOTED THAT SYG WALDHEIM SHOULD HAVE OPENED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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APRIL 26 MEETING PERSONALLY AND SHOULD ALSO HAVE ADDRESSED INVITATIONS TO ABSENT NUCLEAR POWERS. SEVERAL EE' S, INDIA AND CHILE GAVE GENERAL SUPPORT TO SOVIET POSITION.

6. MOST SIGNIFICANT MIDDLE POSITION WAS EXPRESSED BY BRAZIL, WHO PROPOSED THAT COMITE ESTABLISH CONTACT GROUP WHICH WOULD CONSULT WITH NUCLEAR POWERS AND REPORT BACK TO COMITE. BRAZIL WAS LAST SPEAKER APRIL 26; APRIL 27 MEETING WILL SHOW IF BRAZIL CAN PICK UP SUPPORT FOR ITS INITIATIVE. AMONG OTHER SPEAKERS APRIL 26 SRI LANKA SUGGESTED THAT FOUR VACANT SEATS BE FILLED IMMEDIATELY AND QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION BY NUCLEAR STATES BE DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT GA. ZAMBIA AND YUGOSLAVIA

SUPPORTED IDEA OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BUT PROPOSED
NO DEFINITE FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION.

7. EVENING OF APRIL 26 PRC FIRST SECRETARY CHOU NAN PHONED
MISOFF AT HOME TO REVIEW STATE OF PLAY AND ASK IF US HAD
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF BRAZILIAN INITIATIVE. WE ASSURED
HIM WE HAD NOT HEARD OF IDEA UNTIL BRAZIL PROPOSED IT AT
APRIL 26 MEETING. CHOU NAN WONDERED WHAT " WE" COULD DO
TO THWART APPARENT SOVIET AIM OF DRAGGING OUT CONSULTATIONS;
WE SUPPOSED PRESENT ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WOULD
CONTINUE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER DAY AND CRUNCH WOULD COME
WHEN SOVIETS INSISTED UPON SETTING DATE FOR NEXT
CONSULTATIVE MEETING. WE GUESSED THAT SINCE CONSULTATIONS
WERE BEING CONDUCTED ON BASIS OF CONSENSUS, OUTCOME WOULD
DEPEND UPON DETERMINATION OF THOSE LIKE DUTCH WHO FELT
PROCEEDINGS SHOULD BE TERMINATED ASAP.

8. COMMENT. WE GATHER FROM OUR INFORMANTS THAT SO FAR
SOVIETS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GENERATE SIGNIFICANT MOMENTUM
TOWARD FORMAL COMITE MEETING OR FORMAL DECISIONS REGARDING
ELECTION OF BUREAU, ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND DRAWING UP
OF REPORT TO NEXT GA. BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAINTAIN OUR PRESENT
LOW PROFILE, SEEKING APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES QUIETLY
TO BUCK UP THOSE DELS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR VIEW AS WELL
AS TO ASSURE OTHERS THAT OUR SCEPTICISM ABOUT ENTIRE
EXERCISE HAS NOT ABATED.

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